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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,4-7 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3,8-10,16 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

The Brief...Drawings is in fact the Detailed description of the Invention; please amend to conform with the above.

1. A substitute specification is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because it is replete with issues of idiomatic English, typos, spelling, grammar, etc.

A substitute specification must not contain new matter. The substitute specification must be submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. An accompanying clean version (without markings) and a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter must also be supplied. Numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown.

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The title is excessively long.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 16,17 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot refer to two sets of claims, MPEP 608.01n /B3. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

4. Claims 1,3,5-7 are objected to because of the following informalities: - claim 1, “novel” in context is improper and should be deleted; - Claim 3, line 2, “a” should be “the”. – Claim 5-7, “the” should be “an”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 1,4-7,15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The following are not present in the original disclosure and are therefore New Matter:

Claim 1: Rapid cooling “to temperatures under 850C”; claim 4; the listing of metal oxides as recited; claims 5-7, the recited particle sizes; claim 15, the list of metals as recited.

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claims 1,2,11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- Claim 1 is vague and indefinite because the relative term “rapidly” fails to convey the intended cooling rate, is not defined, and would be arbitrary and unascertainable to one skilled in the art.
- Claim 2 “unbonded powder” and “glazed surface” lack antecedent basis.
- Claim 11: “spotty deposition” and “glazed surface” lack antecedent basis.

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- Claim 12: “product” lacks antecedent basis; the scope of the term “other” to define intended optical properties is unascertainable as provided.
- Claim 13 “excess of the powder” lacks antecedent basis.
- Claim 14, line 1 “the surface” lacks antecedent basis, and further it is unclear what surface its intended, e.g. bare or coated substrate, powder, etc; “the product” lacks antecedent basis; the claim is also vague and indefinite because it is unclear what is meant by “extending” in context, and how antibacterial properties are extended in/ by the method.

9. The prior art does not teach nor suggest the subject matter of claim 1 as interpreted by the Examiner, namely the process as stated comprising heating a surface of a tile or glazed ceramic to create a sticky surface ; depositing photocatalytic and antibacterially active ceramic dry powder onto the heated sticky surface to cause surface bonding of the powder thereto, and immediately cooling the powder coated sticky surface to avoid particle size growth, phase change, and chemical reaction of the applied powder. The claim is rejected under 35 USC 112 above, as are claims 2,4-7,11-15, and 16-17 are objected to for being IMDC’s. Claims 3,8-10 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim.

The closest relevant prior art is as follows: US 6303183 teaches to form antimicrobial porcelain enamel coatings including 1) applying a mixture of an active agent and a glass frit or slip to a surface, followed by firing, and 2) applying antimicrobial agents in powder form onto an uncured porcelain surface, followed by firing. US 2002/0059549 teaches to apply a coating comprising photo-catalytic nanoparticles onto a wet painted surface followed by drying. Use of

an adhesive layer to bond such nanoparticles is also disclosed. JP 2000189796 teaches applying a glaze layer, followed by spraying a sol or titania nanoparticles thereon, and followed by heating to cause melting, followed by cooling. None of the processes require sufficient pre-heating to form the sticky surface to surface bond the applied particles, in conjunction with the other features of claim 1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick J. Parker whose telephone number is 571/ 272-1426. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 6:15am -3:45pm, and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Meeks can be reached on 571/272-1423. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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